



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Aging and Adult Services

Legislative Update:

- HB 405 (ACT 96): Clarifies HCBS licensing provisions, so that it is clear that individuals working in a consumer direction program do not need to be licensed as an agency. Also clarifies that organizations providing free services and certain others can also operate without a license.
- HB 432 (ACT 35). Expands criminal background checks to include all offenses. The bill also prohibits providers from hiring individuals who have a record that includes convictions for specific offenses such as cruelty to the infirm, exploitation, battery, and others.
- HB 728: Transfers licensing of adult residential care facilities (including assisted living) from DSS to DHH effective July 1, 2010. Sets up tiers or levels of licensing for personal care, shelter care, assisted living, and "arcps".
- HB 837. Consolidates OMH and OAD into a new office of Behavioral Health.
- HCR 142 – Directs DHH to continue to implement cost control mechanisms in EDA, LTPCS and NOW, to develop new more cost-effective waivers, and to make quarterly reports to the legislature.
- HCR 141 – Requests DHH to provide technical assistance for organizations interested in becoming PACE providers.
- HCR 190. Directs DHH to implement certain actions for ADHC programs and to conduct an evaluation and ADHC rates, etc.
SCR 43- LA POST study.

Single Point of Entry (SPOE)

The ADRC /SPOE pilot in Region 2 began region-wide as of July 1, 2009. All requests for OAAS Home and Community Based services will now be handled by the Aging and Disability Resource Center operated by Capital Area Agency on Aging. They can be reached at 1-800-280-0908.

Person Centered Planning

Tammi Terrell, OAAS's Person Centered Planning grant coordinator, is attending additional training in New Hampshire. OAAS has already begun introducing some person-centered planning to support coordinators, but she will be conducting more training later in the year. Louisiana and New Hampshire have received a grant to research and develop or adapt a person centered model for use with the elderly.

Permanent Supportive Housing

OAAS serves as the Local Lead Agency for Permanent Supportive Housing in Region 1. At this point, 1890 units are planned, almost all in Orleans Parish (75-100 will be elderly only units). As of June 2009, about 235 persons are currently living in PSH units and receiving services in Region 1. Money Follows the Person

MFP

OAAS is stepping up implementation of the Money Follows the Person Demonstration. Celeste Henley is now the MFP Project Manager for OAAS. We are hiring a project coordinator in the Region 1 area, where MFP will work closely with Permanent Supportive Housing. Housing vouchers have been made available for up to 40 persons transitioning out of nursing homes. Training will be held for LTC Ombudsmen on July 1st regarding the MFP program.

HCBS RE-Design

ARC Waiver – Had to re-submit using new CMS format. Essentially start from scratch, but expect to have completed by end of August and back on the CMS clock.

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